

# Press Release

## HARFORD COUNTY GOVERNMENT

### Department of Planning & Zoning



#### PUBLIC SAFETY

"Ensuring a Safe  
Harford"

#### EDUCATION

"Preparing Now,  
Building for the Future"

#### EFFICIENCY IN GOVERNMENT

"Governing Smarter"

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"Growing and Sustaining  
Harford's Prosperity"

#### ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

"Protecting Our  
Environment"

#### QUALITY LIVING

"Safeguarding What is  
Important to Harford  
County Citizens"

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## Harford County Historic Preservation Commission Announces 2013 Awardees

(Bel Air, MD) - - The Harford County Historic Preservation Commission has announced its 18<sup>th</sup> annual award recipients during a recently held ceremony at the Liriodendron Mansion in Bel Air.

These awards, which are presented each May in honor of **National Historic Preservation Month**, recognize individuals and organizations that have demonstrated their commitment to stewardship of the County's historic and cultural resources. James Chrismer, Chair of the Commission, acted as Master of Ceremonies with Robert McCord, County Attorney, making remarks on behalf of County Executive David R. Craig.

Preservation Project Awards were given to Drs. Gunther and Dahlia Hirsch on their efforts in the adaptive reuse of the **Havre de Grace Colored School**; along with Alvin P. and Jean Lehnerd in recognition of their efforts in the restoration of the porch at **Shadowstone**. Dr. David C. Hodge received a **Preservationist Honor Award** for helping to advance historic preservation and history in our County. A **Preservation Stewardship Award** was presented to St. Ignatius Catholic Church for their continued stewardship of the historically significant church.

Receiving **Special Preservation Awards** were the Harford County Library and the Harford County Department of Community Services for their production of the *Journey Stories* exhibition; along with the Hays-Heighe House and Harford Community College for their efforts to promote education and public history.

For more information about Harford County's Historic Preservation Program, please visit <http://www.harfordcountymd.gov/PlanningZoning> or contact Bill Amoss, Chief of Agricultural and Historical Preservation at 410.638.3235.

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